WHEREAS, On the 26th day of March in the Year 1950, Harley Thomas Duncan was born in the quiet hamlet of Highmore, South Dakota; and,

WHEREAS, The School of Mines, South Dakota State University and Larson's Manufacturing provided Harley with the tools to catapult him towards his internship in the summer of 1972 with the Citizens Commission on Executive Reorganization; and,

WHEREAS, Harley served his residency as staff for Executive Reorganization, and then as Planner II for the State Planning Bureau; and,

WHEREAS, In April, 1974, Harley specialized as Deputy Commissioner in the State Planning Bureau and has been employed in that position until this day; and,

WHEREAS, Harley has performed all responsibilities of this position, to the detriment of his hairline; including playing ghost at Halloween, guarding the Commissioner's castle and canine, and, loyally and soberly, awaiting the call to duty night and day; and,

WHEREAS, In the performance of these responsibilities, Harley has earned the respect of state agencies, the planning and development districts, local governments, and bartenders alike; and,

WHEREAS, In carrying out these duties, Harley has left his imprint on state government, and an occasional bridge railing; and throughout all of this has maintained his country candor, razor sharp wit, his gentle disposition, and, surprisingly, his sanity; and,

WHEREAS, Harley has chosen to vacate his position as Deputy Commissioner, third baseman and his riverside mansion, fondly known as the Wolverine Estate, to pursue new horizons; and,

WHEREAS, I wish to thank Harley for his contributions to South Dakota and its government and wish him the best in his future endeavors:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD F. KNEIP, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim Friday, July 9, 1976, as

HARLEY T. DUNCAN DAY

in South Dakota, and do urge his many friends to join with him in celebration on this day.

R. F. Kneip

ATTEST:

CORNA B. HERSETH, SECRETARY OF STATE